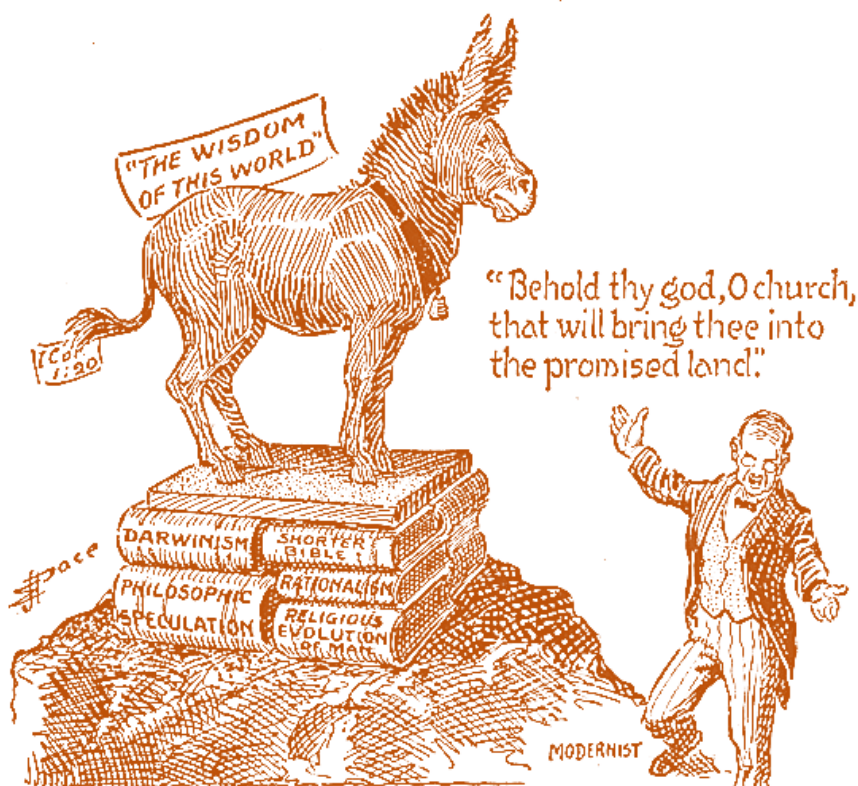


The Problem of Theistic Evolution:

Serving Two Masters



Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, August 14th, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Fourteenth Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord 2022*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.



As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we begin to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which has been a major issue of contention in throughout Christian History.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"He's Coming Soon"* (#526).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"To God be the Glory"* (#64).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: I Kings 18:17-21.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Holy Bible, Book Divine"* (#114).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Wonderful Words of Life"* (#115).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE PROBLEM OF THEISTIC EVOLUTION."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Standing on the Promises"* (#109).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Week of August 7-August 13

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—I8

Midweek Prayer—5; Church Offering: \$812.⁰⁰

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

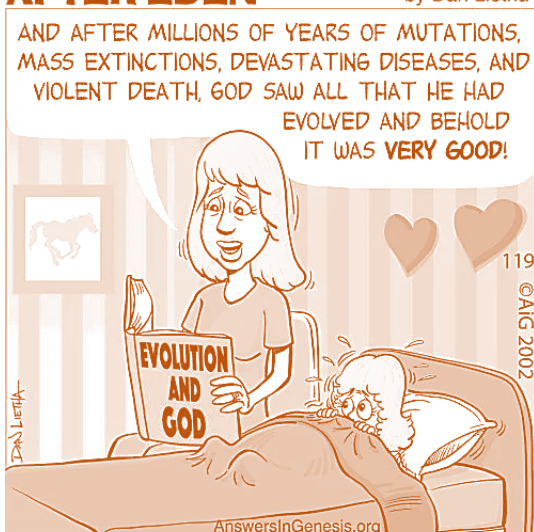
We are studying Daniel, ch. 5—Belshazzar's Feast of Folly.

Today's Verse for Reflection:

Prov. 1:7: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction." (NASB)

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



On this night, little Shelly didn't sleep
"very good."

Some Reasons why People embrace Theistic Evolution

By Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA; 8/12/22

Many professing Christians today believe in the concept of **Theistic Evolution**, which teaches that God employed the vehicle of naturalistic evolution to create new species—including man!

1. Many have been deceived into believing that the evidence for the “scientific fact” of Darwinian evolution is simply too strong to ignore. Thus, the Bible must be mistaken, and today’s “brilliant” scientists must be correct. But see 1 Tim. 6:20! Or Rom. 3:4: “Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar!”
 2. Some are convinced that evolution is *compatible* with the teachings of the Bible, rather than contradictory to them. But what of 1 Cor. 15:39? And what of Gen. 1:21, 24-25: “*after their kind?*”
 3. Some maintain that it enhances God’s glory if He created the Universe *via* certain “grand natural processes” (e.g., the Big Bang & biological evolution), rather than through the “magical” outpouring of miracles (e.g., Pope Francis). But what of Heb. 11:3?
 4. Some say that it “*doesn’t matter*” one way or the other. But what does *Jesus* say about this (John 3:12)? Why would we trust the Bible’s spiritual claims if we cannot trust its scientific claims?
 5. Some foolishly claim that Genesis has not told us precisely *how* God chose to create man. But what of Gen. 2:7, 22?
 6. **PRIDE**, and the love of “*all things worldly*,” play a huge role in this matter. Many are intimidated by the steady stream of evolutionary propaganda promoted by the general culture, the educational establishment, and the popular press. Fear of being viewed as “*anti-intellectual*” pressures individuals into *social-conformity*. Supposedly, through the embrace of Theistic Evolution, we can serve two masters and enjoy the applause of the World for our respectable “intellectualism”—and yet, still claim to be “Biblical” in our general worldview and perspective. But what of 1 Kings 18:21? “*How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.*”
 7. **Cowardice**: the desire to avoid controversy. Theistic Evolution is seen as a “way out” from taking a firm—and potentially *awkward* and *divisive*—stand for God. But shall we *deny* Christ (Matt. 26:69-75)? Are we *ashamed* of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16), as well as of the testimony of Christ and the Doctrines of His Word (2 Tim. 1:8)? We are called unto *boldness*—as well as unto *non-conformity* (Rom. 12:2) and *separation* (2 Cor. 6:17-18) from the values of this World!
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